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Subject: Walk Through Centretown

Catherine, Shawn and Jeff,

I am writing this morning to strongly encourage you not to move forward with your planned walk through Centretown today.

Earlier this week, Catherine told me that they desperately needed more resources on the streets in Centretown to restore order and safety for residents living and working in the area who have been terrorized by the relentless noise, harassment, and general disorder.

The OPS has just announced a series of concrete actions that will help to restore order to the affected areas:

- There will be a **significant increase in OPS officers on our streets** in the affected areas. Residents can expect to see 150 additional uniformed and non-uniformed officers on almost every block in Centertown, the Byward Market, Lowertown and the Glebe to protect residents from unlawful acts.
- The OPS will be **expanding and hardening the perimeter** around the core demonstration zone. Together with the City of Ottawa, concrete and heavy equipment barricades will help to block access to roads throughout the affected area.
- Additional police resources also mean that the OPS will be able to **escalate enforcement efforts**, including investigation and charges for all criminal acts.

I know that residents in the affected areas are suffering and you want to do everything in your power to help them. As leaders, people are looking to you to take action. I cannot stress enough that the group leading the demonstrations is well organized, determined and resourced and they are looking for a fight. By leading a group of frustrated residents into the streets, you are giving them one.

At a time when the OPS are trying to de-escalate, and are working with other law enforcement agencies to negotiate an end to this demonstration, we need to allow the OPS to do their jobs in restoring safety.

You all appointed me to Chair of the Police Services Board, as such I am privy to more in-depth briefings. I need you to continue to trust me and I am urging you again to reconsider your planned walk through Centretown today. If you need any more resources, please let me know and I will make that request again. We need to work together.

Diane